

Santa Clara County	
DELEGATES	ALTERNATES
P. A. Jordan	Thos. L. Blanchard
Chas. M. Richards	C. W. Delaney
Santa Cruz County	
DELEGATE	ALTERNATE
P. T. Phillips	A. N. Nittler
Shasta County	
DELEGATE	ALTERNATE
Sherman T. White	Ferdinand Stabel
Siskiyou County	
DELEGATE	ALTERNATE
H. S. Warren	Frederick H. Tebbe
Stanislaus County	
DELEGATE	ALTERNATE
E. F. Reamer	B. F. Surryhne
Sonoma County	
DELEGATE	ALTERNATE
F. O. Butler	Jackson Temple
Tulare County	
DELEGATE	ALTERNATE
Carlos M. White	Louis L. Seligman

Correspondence

RESIGNATION OF THE EDITOR

The Council of the California State Medical Society, San Francisco, Calif.
(Through the Secretary, Dr. W. E. Musgrave)
Gentlemen:

I tender herewith my resignation as editor of the California State Journal of Medicine, to take effect at the will of the secretary of the society, but in no case later than two months from date.

While I regret the severance of my official executive relationship with the office of the State Medical Society, I still cannot but express to you my profound gratification and satisfaction at the development of the circumstances which seem to me to make that action timely. During the four years of my service as editor it has been my constant conviction, expressed many times, that the best interests of the State Society would be served by one full time man who would combine the functions of secretary and editor. The policy of development of the Journal has had this ideal constantly in mind.

It is, therefore, with the deepest gratification that I congratulate you and the entire State Society on having secured the services of so peculiarly qualified a man as Dr. Musgrave, and it will be my endeavor in the future, as in the past, to place myself unreservedly under the direction of so distinguished and experienced a leader. My personal relations with Dr. Musgrave as well as my acquaintance with his activities which are a matter of record, permits me to indulge in the sincere conviction that in him you have selected and secured an admirable public servant and an inspiring medical leader.

One further word may be allowed to state my appreciation of the collective and individual support of the council in the attempt to improve and strengthen the Journal. No report of the Journal as such is needed as it is its own witness for good or for ill.

Assuring you of my continued cordial and loyal relationship to the development of the State Society and of scientific medicine, I am

Very truly yours,

ALFRED C. REED, M. D.

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A WORTHY APPEAL

To the Alameda County Medical Society,
Oakland, California.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

An appeal has come to the Society this week for help for one of our fellow-practitioners who is

superannuated, helpless and dependent upon charity. Nearly two years ago I called a like case to the attention of this Society with the suggestion at that time that an effort be made to interest the State Society in the question of establishing some kind of fund so that those members of the medical profession of California who become dependent may be helped by their fellow-practitioners instead of becoming objects of charity upon the body politic.

Those of us who are prospering owe something to our fellow-practitioners who also have sacrificed their strength for the good of their respective communities, and the medical practitioners of this State should, in justice to our profession, make some sort of arrangement by which those of their fellows in the profession who become dependent may be relieved.

I, therefore, move that a committee on relief of dependent physicians and dependent families of physicians be appointed by this Society for the purpose of undertaking the creation of a state fund to this end.

I further move that this letter and a statement of the action taken by this meeting tonight, be sent forthwith to the California State Medical Journal for publication, in order that the way may be prepared for like action throughout the state of California.

Very truly yours,

DANIEL CROSBY.

This matter received the hearty endorsement of the Society at its regular meeting held at the Alameda County Health Center, February 21, 1921, and both motions were unanimously carried. The president, Dr. Alvin Powell, appointed Drs. Daniel Crosby, chairman, and F. W. Browning and C. W. Page to serve as a committee in accordance with the provisions of the motion.

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A SECTION ON DERMATOLOGY

To the Editor

I trust that you will find possible to publish the following letter addressed to the membership of the State Society at large.

"The Section of Dermatology and Syphilology"

The writer wishes to call attention to the anomalous fact of misrepresentation or rather of missed presentation of Dermatology among other branches of clinical medicine in the State Society. Judging by the number of Dermatologic papers presented before state meetings and published in the State Journal, Dermatology is easily the most unpopular and unproductive branch in medicine. Dermatologic papers are obliged to beg for shelter and to depend on charity and hospitality of the other Sections to secure a place on the program which should be theirs by right. If dermatologists and practitioners interested in skin diseases are too weak numerically to form a Section of their own, could not arrangements be made to combine Skin with the other Sections, such as Ge.-U.? This combination works very well in other states, for instance in Ohio. The majority of Ge.-U. men are combining in their private work Skin and Ge.-U. It is hard to see reasons why they refuse to extend the same policy into their state Section.

Another combination occurs to the writer which may be even more plausible—this is the organization of the Section of Dermatology and Syphilology. The close association of Dermatology and Syphilology is universally recognized, and hardly needs a new emphasis. Most, if not all medical colleges, combine them into one Department of Dermatology and Syphilology.

American Medical Association officially has assumed the same attitude, publishing "Archives of Dermatology and Syphilology." It would be natural and logical for the State Medical Society of